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Applicant : Tanimoto, et al.) Group Art Unit 1651
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Filed : February 29, 2000)
For : METHOD OF)
MANUFACTURING)
POLYAMINE COMPOSITION)
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Dear Sir:

The above-identified application is a continued prosecution application (CPA) of the prior application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). This amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 26, 2002 (Paper number 7) issued in the prior application. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 4, 7, and 9 as follows:

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4 (Twice amended) The method according to Claim 9, wherein the decomposition step is conducted by digesting the yeast somatic components with nuclease added to a solution containing the yeast somatic components, at a pH value of 3-10 and at a temperature of 10-70°C.

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7. (Twice amended) The method according to Claim 9, wherein the yeast somatic components are an extract obtained from yeast using hot water at a pH value of 4-8 and at a temperature of 90-100°C, wherein sodium chloride is added to a yeast suspension with a yeast concentration of 5-25% to make a salt concentration of 1-10%.

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9 (Amended) A method of obtaining polyamines, comprising the steps of: